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On 1 July 1953 the following persons were serving on the executive committee of the Thailand Chinese Chamber of Commerce:<sup>1</sup>

- a. CHANG Lan-ch'en (1728/5695/5256),<sup>2</sup> chairman of the executive committee. Privately CHANG was very pro-Nationalist; officially, however, he maintained a strict middle-of-the-road attitude, trying to preserve a balance between the Nationalist and the Communist factions in the organization.
- b. CH'EN Chen-ching (7115/2182/2417),<sup>3</sup> a member of the executive committee and in charge of financial affairs. He was pro-Communist although a supporter of CHANG Lan-ch'en.
- c. CH'EN Jun-i (7115/3387/1355), the Thai language secretary of the executive committee. He was pro-Nationalist and a close friend of HUANG Chin-liang.
- d. CH'EN Yun-t'eng (7115/6663/7506), general secretary of the executive committee and formerly personal secretary to CHANG Lan-ch'en. CH'EN, 36 years old, was a graduate of the seventeenth class of the National Military Academy.<sup>4</sup> During World War II he was an employee of the Air Navigation Office (sic), an official Nationalist organization. CH'EN has been a staunch supporter of CHANG Lan-ch'en, who was responsible for placing him in his present position.
- e. CH'EN Yung-ch'iang (7115/6978/6973),<sup>3</sup> a secretary of the executive committee and very pro-Communist. He was owner of the Wu Fu (0063/4365) Steamship Company located in Bangkok.

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